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AMERIKAN & YU'ROTT'AN SKU'LZ.

Hwot çud bñ inklûded in a kolekçun ov stamps, iz ce subjekt ov muc diskûçun, partikylarli de difurent vériçunz ov kulur, pépur, engréviq and purforéçun. Wun klás árguz qat a stamp iz a stamp, and its apírans iz ov nô konsiwens, hweqr tórn, badli difést or uaurwaiz, and qat ci ónli difürens kon-sists in ce denomináçun.

But ce Frénc, hûz tést for dres ofn kariz ñem tu ekstrímx, wud never bñ suted wiç qis stail ov kolektin, and about ét yfrz agó, a selibréted lëdi in Paris, bai kípiñ num but ce coïsest spesimenz, and enkurajin ce studi ov varaiitiz, bisaidz suplaiñ ce best kolekçunz in Frans, woz ébl in about tú yírз tu retair on a forcun. In Ingland olsó ce best and móst valyúabl kolekçunz ár aóz hwèr varaiitiz hav bin si-kûrd and ci envelops kept entair.

But in qis kuntri haz arizn hwot iz kôld ce Amerikan skûl, hwic diskârdz ôl varalitiz, eksept ov engréviq, and méks nô distîkçun bitwín a pûr and gud spesimen, ríprint or orijinal, and ce numbur ov pûr kolekçunz, fild with un-yúzd sets, hwic ár kontinyûali getiç cí-pur, or wiç durti lukin stamps in çakli albumz, fit ónli tu hav a fù ov ce stamps sevd out, and hwic ce kolektur iz sún glad tu sel for a soñ iz a sútabl mon-yúment ov qis stail.

In ártiklz ov déli yûs, suc az a plou, a wagun, or a brûm, eni displé ov tést asaid from yútiliti and konyfnyuns, suc az a silvir cér, mahogani spôks, or an aiyuri tipt handl, wud bñ absurd and ridikûlus, but in warks ov árt, ce set-iñ çud olwez bñ aprópriét tu ce tréjur. A daimond in its natural stét iz ov nô bûti, it must bi kut in a régular form, and set in góld bai a skilful ártist, bifór its brilyunsi iz apparent.

In mëkiñ a laibrari ov buks, its valyú

wil dipend grélti upon haviq naissli bound kopiz, and ilustréted ediçunz on fain pépur; ov ôtografis, ce móst purfekt kopiz çud bñ silekted; ev koinz, rístrul písez çud bñ avoided, az aér valyú kontinyûali dikrisés; ov orijinal impreçunz aóz hwic hav bin ce líst wórn ár ce móst laikli tu advans, and nô matur hwot iz purcest, faur for kûriositi or yútiliti, ce best fvñ at gréltur kost iz jenurali ce cfpest.

De márjin ov a pêstej stamp iz ov az muc importans az qat ov eni uaur engréviq, and wiç konsidur eni radikal cénj in ce pépur, suc as purforéçun, wotur márk or kwoliti, az nôtwurði as an olturéçun ov ci engréviq.

Ce difikulti in kolektin iz tu fiks ce lain at hwic tu stop, kolekturs mé foló aér ón fansi in qis direkçun, nor qua aóz hûz tést lfdz ñem tu ce studi ov varaiitiz bñ kondemd bai aóz hû rijekt ñem. Ivn ce striktest klas ov hwot iz kôld ci Amerikan skûl dû not eksklûd márkt cénjez ov kulur, ivn hwen aé eg-zist ónli in ce pépur, and sum, hû ridikûl ce kolekçun ov varaiitiz, çó aér inkonsistensi bai diskraibin ce purforéted and unpurforéted Frénc, ce blû and hwait pépur Bárbadóz, and suc unsur-tin distîkçunz as ce tinted Tuskaní, hwail at ce sém taim aé faind fildz for multiplikéçun in ce vérius daiz ov ce St. Lâis, ce 10 sent envelop ov ce Yû-naited Stéts, or ce lárj and smôl leturz in ci angłz ov ce Grét Britun stamps.

Hwail wiç wud ték saidz wiç kolekturz ov varaiitiz tu a sertin ekstent, wiç not foló ñem tu suc an ekstrím az tu katalog ôl traifiñ erurz ov impreçun, or tu mëk mör dan fû kulurz ov ce wun frapk Frénc Ripublik stamp, nor kondem aóz hûz fansi difurz from ourz; a difur çud advokéti gud stamps ov orijinal impreçunz and lív veriéçunz tu ce tést ov ce kolektur.



NOTICES OF THE PRESS.

We regret that our limited columns will not allow us to give a more extended notice of the criticisms of our contemporaries. The publisher of Mason's Coin and Stamp collector's magazine of Philadelphia, takes us to task for calling the silver piece described in No. 2, as a pattern half dollar of colonial money, instead of the U. S. We acknowledge our error, which was a very natural one, as those of the different states prior to the regular series of U. S. coins are frequently termed Colonials. We suppose it was probably coined by the state of Vermont. A friend suggests that the figures represent 500 mills of federal money. We notice the last No. of the Boys & Girls Magazine has an illustration taken from another coin almost identical.

The first named journal also expresses astonishment that we should find printers to set up our splintered English, and would probably be more surprised to learn that in the office where it is done, new beginners take their first lessons in Kosmic, because it is easier to spell than the ordinary method.

We must apologize however, for a few mistakes in our last No. owing mainly to the introduction of a new hand. One was the proceeds of the Fewsmith sale, which should have read about \$4700; another, our price for the dollar of 1836, which should have been \$8. We have been obliged to return several orders for it. On the first inside line the letter p in *prized* accidentally dropped out, and was introduced into *paturns*.

The Stamp Collector's Magazine of Bath, England, gives us a very handsome notice, but doubts whether we shall be able to compete with the formidable rivals already in the field.

The Weekly Journal of Philately also favors its readers with a translation from our columns, which is quite correct, with the exception of the French é as in œ, which they have mistaken for the sound of e in he, and thus been led into a grammatical blunder.

The Stamp Collector's Record, published occasionally by S. Allan Taylor, of Boston, gives us a few sarcastic lines, which we consider rather an honor than otherwise.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

We have had a great many enquiries which we will answer in a few words.

For catalogues of coin or stamp sales apply to the auctioneers, or to the dealers whose names are printed on the catalogue. Unless known as a buyer the applicant will stand but little chance of receiving them regularly. We have no stamp or coin catalogues of our own, separate from our monthly price list.

Before we commenced the publication of this journal it was our custom to send stamps on ap-

roval to reliable parties, but owing to increase of correspondence, we have hardly time to fill out cash orders; as we sometimes run out of particular kinds, especially after the list is out of date, it is well to send an additional order from which to make up the amount.

We are glad to receive in exchange any good curiosities, the value of which may be left to us to determine, or if preferred will make an offer for them, but we do not wish to be troubled with piles of rubbish. One gentleman sent us from the south 18 cents of the dates 1817 and 1818 all very poor, at a cost of 45c. Of course all we could do was to send him 18c. and offer to return them on receipt of postage; another from Canada sent us 100 3 kr. Bavaria, arms, which were not worth returning.

We have received many good collections from the country for which we have made offers which were generally accepted. Valuable collections may be sent by express, and in case we can not agree on the price, will bear any reasonable expense of returning them; small collections, or those of torn or greasy stamps, or of worn out coins we do not wish. It is always best to write a descriptive letter of enquiry first.

We do not appoint any agents, but shall offer a lot of dealers packets as soon as we have time to make them up.

PAPER CURRENCY.

There are a good many collections of these curiosities, especially of the shinplasters both northern and southern, issued during the war, when change was scarce, and a collection of them is quite interesting. We have a pretty good variety of them, which we will either sell or exchange, and shall be glad to purchase any which are salable.

We give a list of Confederate bills on hand, and shall publish lists of other shinplasters from time to time. Any one who can give us a description of all, or nearly all the varieties will confer a great favor.

C. S. A. Bond for \$100. with coupons	\$2 00
\$ 1000. Non taxable certificate, 1865	1 00
\$ 1000 8 per cent. loan, March 1863 8 coupons	50
\$ 1000. engraved by National Bank Note Co.	

500.	"	Keatinge & Ball	
100.	"	"	1864 2 00
100.	centre piece, female head	"	1 00
100.	" laborers	1862	1 00
100.	" train of cars	"	50
100.	" load of cotton	1861	2 00
50.	" head of Davis	1864	30
20.	" capitol	"	20
20.	" large figure 20	1861	1 00
20.	" ship	"	1 00
10.	" capitol	1862	50
10.	" artillery	1864	.05
5.	" state house	"	.05
2.	" large figure 2	1863-64	.05
2.	" female warriors	1862	.50
1.	" steamer	"	.25
1.	" head of Fitz Hugh Lee '64		.15

We understand that another auction sale of Postage stamps from Messrs. J. W. Scott & Co., will be held at Messrs. Leavitt Strebeigh & Co's. December 19th. 1870.

PRICE LIST OF FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

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All stamps sold by us are warranted genuine. Where more than one stamp is described on the same line, the price is so much for each. All letters of enquiry, or orders under 25c., must contain stamps for reply. Money sent by P. O. Order, or Registered letter only, is at our risk. For those marked with a (*), we will pay $\frac{1}{2}$; and allow in trade $\frac{1}{2}$ our list prices for good specimens.

	new.	used.		new.	used.
Alsace & Lorraine 1 centime green	\$.03	\$	*South African Republic 1 penny red	.03	
" 2 brown	.05		" 3 pence lilac	.20	
" 4 grey	.08		" 6 " blue	.40	
" 10 brown	.10		" 1 shilling green	.75	
" 20 blue	.15	.25	*St. Christopher 1 penny red	.05	.05
Azores 5 reis black	.03		" 6 pence green	.15	
" 10 yellow	.06		tS. Domingo 1867 1 real blue	.30	.20
" 25 red	.12		Straits Settlements 3 half cents blue	.08	
*Argentine Confed. 1867 5c. red	.06		" 2-3 cents	.12	
Barbados $\frac{1}{2}$ penny green	.03		Switzerland Env. 5 rappen brown	.04	
*Bayaria 1850 set of 6	.75		" 10 rose	.63	.62
*Belgium 1869 " 9	.90		Turkey 1870 Env. 1 piastre yellow	.15	
*Ceylon $\frac{1}{2}$ penny lilac	.03		*Uruguay 1868 1 cent black	.04	
*Chili 1867 1 cent orange	.03		" 5c. blue	.15	.12
*Egypt 1867 5 paras yellow	.03		Victoria 1870 2 pence violet	.02	
*France Presidency 25c.	.03		* " Env. 2 " pink	.12	
*Great Britain 1870 3 half pence red	.05		Trinidad 1 penny red	.05	.02
* " $\frac{1}{2}$ postcard, wrapper & stamp	.02		REPRINTS.		
Grenada 6 pence red	.40		Bergedorf set of 5	.25	
Hamburg 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ schilling violet	.02		Brunswick 1865 " 5	.10	
*Hanover 1 g. gr. green, 2 varictes	.03		Lubeck 1859 " 5	.25	
" Envelope 1 gr. rose	.06		" 1863 " 7	.30	
Holland 1867 set of 6	.15		" Env. " 6	.30	
" 1868 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2c.	.03		Saxony 1863 " 6	.05	
*India, Envelopes set of 3	.30		Hussey's S. M. Post 5 c. red	.03	
Luxemburg 1-2 centimes	.02		" 10 green	.05	
Madeira 5 reis black	.03		" 15 gold	.08	
" 10 " yellow	.06		" 20 black	.10	
" 20 " straw	.10		" 25 blue	.12	
*Malta $\frac{1}{2}$ penny buff	.03		Union Square 1 cent green	.02	
Mecklenburg 1 sch. red, 4 small ones	.04		" 2 " red	.02	
*Mexico 1868 6-10c. brown	.08		Pomeroy's 20 for \$1. red	.10	
* " 25 pink	.03		? " black	.05	
* " 12-50	.05		? " blue & brown	.05	
New Brunswick 5c. green	.01		Boyd's 1 cent blue, 2 red	.02	
* " 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ blue	.08		" Envelope 2 red	.03	
*Newfoundland 1c. violet	.03		? Price's large size 2 cents green	.05	
* " 2 green	.05		" small size 2 cents green	.50	
* " 5 black	.15		Mc. Intire's 2 cents red	.03	
*New Granada 1865 1c. rose	.03		? Brooklyn 1 cent blue, 2 red	.02	
* " 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lilac	.12		? Swarts, Rough and ready red	.03	
New South Wales 1851 6d. 1 sh.	.02		" Chatham square, red	.25	
*N. caragua 2 cents blue	.06		Hussey's 5 varieties	.02	
North German Official set of 9	.75		Broadway post office, black	.80	
Norway 1859-66 3 skilling	.06		Hale & Co. Boston 20 for \$1. blue	.25	
Oldenburg 1-30 thaler blue	.05		" 18 Court st. " 2 00	.20	
Orange States 1 penny brown	.06		Blood's penny post, gilt, small	.25	.15
" set of 3	.90		Dupuy & Schenck, penny post	.30	
Parma 1852 5c. white paper	.40		Penny post paid, blue	.50	
Portugal 1862 5-10 reis	.04		U. S. mail 1 cent prepaid, yellow	1.00	
Prussia Env. head 1-2-3			U. S. P. O. despatch, eagle 1 c. blue	.05	
*Prince Edward I. set of 7	1.00		Wells Fargo & Co. Paid Ex. black	10.00	
Roumania 1862 set of 3	.60		Springside postage 1 cent red	12.00	
" 1865 " 3	.30		Bronson & Forbes, City Ex. P. g'n	12.00	
" 1869 15 bani	.15		Martin's City post 2c. lilac	.80	
Spain 1852 6 reales blue	2.50		Snow's despatch blue	.80	
" 1851 10 " green	.75		Those marked with a (?) may be reprints.		
" 1899 200 mils green	.03		We have just obtained a fine collection numbering 1700 varieties, of the illustrated envelopes got up during the war, containing pictures of the battle fields, maps, comic designs and interesting mottoes, which we will sell entire for \$25.		
" 1870 1-2-4 mils	.02				
*Sarawk 3 cents yellow	.10				
*Servia 1866 1 para green on rose	.03				
" 1866 1-2 paras	.03				



MARTIN'S
City Post.
Paid—2 cts.

SNOWS
Despatch

THE U. S. LOCAL STAMPS.

Of these stamps, which number nearly a thousand varieties, the history and description is very incomplete. Owing to the numerous imitations, the real stamps have been much neglected and it is with the hope to somewhat elucidate this vexed problem that we commence a series of articles on the subject. We have obtained several varieties every year which have not been heard of before; until recently the European market has swallowed up nearly all the rarities, but lately they are as much prized at home.

In a collection we purchased last month which contained about one hundred unused originals, were the four stamps which we illustrate in this No. and have never seen before: Springside postage, large rect. 1c. black on pink. Bronson & Forbes, city express post, " green. Martins city post, small oblong, " lila. Snows despatch, " " blue. There were others in the collection seidom met with, as sets of original Winans, Metropolitan, Frices, Cheever & Towle, Carriers, Priests, Penny post paid, also a scarce oblong Wells Fargo & Co. paid express, elaborately engraved: To be dropped in New York post office, which we would have illustrated but for the cost, \$12; which is more than the value of the stamp.

The southern provisionals have been pretty well brought out by the enterprising publisher of the American journal of Philately, and their estimated value increased from \$1. or \$2. each, to from \$5. to \$10., while those of the northern states, which present a much larger field, have been comparatively neglected, excepting the St. Louis stamps, which show that their value does not always depend upon the supply, for when they were scarce from \$2. to \$3. was considered a good price for them, but upon obtaining about 140 of them they advanced to from \$5. to \$10.; and the altered 20c. we understand is held at \$75.

We hope that our friends will assist us by any information which we call for, and we shall endeavor to enhance the value of many stamps which are now but little valued.

An auction sale of Coins is advertised to be held at the rooms of Jos. Leonard & Co. 50 Bromfield st. Boston, Dec. 8th. at 10 A. M. which is quite rich in the Colonial and other American coins.

We have made arrangements for a splendid collection of Autograph letters and MSS. a good share of which we will probably have ready in time for our next No.

LIST OF COINS FOR DECEMBER.

SILVER.

Marriage medal, German, curious 2½ oz.	\$6.00	
Baptismal medal, " very fine	4.00	
" " head of Christ, fine 1½ oz.	3.00	
Nuremberg temple medal, 1½ oz.	3.00	
Greek medal, square, curious	2.00	
Maximilian dollar, fine	1.50	
" " "	2.00	
" Dime, half dime & cent, each	2.00	
Annapolis three pence, fine	15.00	
Turkish Crimean medal	1855	2.00
Barcelona 5 pesetas fine	1808	2.00
Brunswick 24 marien groschen	1890	1.50
Frederick six thaler	1786	1.25
Peru medal ½ dol. size	1836	1.25
Gregory XVI, medal	1834	1.00
Christian III Sweden, 1 mark	1617	1.00
Felix and Eliza, Italian 5 francs	1805	1.50
Frankfurt thaler, 3 eagles, 1848 uncirc.	1848	1.50
Eight medals, quarter size, each	75	75
Japanese coins oblong large size		1.00
East Indian rupees, different, each		.90
Roman Denarii, a large variety, of both the		
Imperial & Family coins, from 25c. to	1.00	
James, Charles, Anne & Elizabeth shillings	1.00	
Greek coins 5 and 10c. size, from 1.00 to	1.50	

COPPER & BRASS.

Large medal of Angeli & Maria Politiana	3.00
Carolus Gustavus, old medal	1.00
Wm. duke of Cumberland "	1.00
Ptolemy, double eagle 2½ oz.	1.50
" eagle, Egyptian ½ oz.	1.50
Syracuse, dolphins, ¼ oz.	1.50
Greek copper coins small size 25c. to	50
Roman " 2d. & 3d. brass 10c. to	50
Head of Christ, rev. I.S., X.S. &c. 25c. to	1.00
Liberia 2 cent piece uncirculated	75
Sierra Leone cent, fine	50

We have 50 sets of Haiti, head of President Geffrard, 5-10 & 20c. 1863, all fine, per set 15

The coin trade for the last three months has been unusually dull, for what reason it is difficult to say, in our opinion the present is a very favorable time to purchase; good pieces, however, are not as plentiful as they have been, collectors preferring to hold what they have got.

The stamp trade has been remarkably good, not so much however in ordinary stamps, as in the rarer varieties, essays, locals, revenue stamps of all styles and countries, newly issued stamps &c.

Autographs have sold pretty well, and we think an auction sale of a good collection, would realize advanced prices.

Curiosities as a general rule, have been rather quiet, owing probably in some measure to the disturbed state of European affairs.

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